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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to establish drug banks in all the districts of the country to provide essential medicines to the poor people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any budget for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that medicines are made available to the needy and poor in such district cnetres?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) There is no proposal at present to establish drug banks in all districts.

(b) to (e): In view of above, the question does not arise. However, under the National Rural Health Mission, (including various disease control programmes) adequate provision has been made for supply of drugs to the needy.